



State of Arizona
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Dear Educators,

To lend teachers assistance in helping students achieve higher goals in reading, we are providing a Lexile Reading Range that is linked to students' AIMS Reading performance.

The Lexile Framework measures readers and reading materials. A student's AIMS Reading score is linked to the Lexile Reading Range. Parents, teachers and students can use Lexiles to determine if a text is too easy, too difficult, or just right for a student. Lexile is not a test score; it is a measure that applies to books and articles students encounter daily – at school, at home, and in the library. Teachers and parents can use Lexiles to create a strong home-school connection while encouraging reading at students' comprehension levels. Students are more likely to read if they are able to choose books that match their ability.

Students in Arizona will receive Lexile measures with their AIMS Reading scores each spring. The linking of the Lexile Framework with AIMS will match each student's reading range to books, magazines, and newspapers that have also been measured and reported as Lexile levels. The Lexile Map provides a sampling of texts and titles matched to appropriate levels of reading ability. I am sure that you will find the Lexile Map helpful in understanding how Lexiles can be used to support learning, monitor progress, and challenge students as they work to become better readers.

To learn more about Lexiles and to access the Lexile Database of tens of thousands of titles, please visit the ADE website Lexile Resource at www.azed/azreads/lexile.

I know you are working hard to encourage your students to become lifelong readers. I hope this new resource proves valuable to you in your ongoing efforts to provide Arizona students with quality education.

Sincerely,

Tom Horne
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